

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2281
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UTILISATION OF DEGRADED FOREST LAND
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have any scheme to encourage village communities to grow firewood on degraded forest land;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the assistance provided for the village communities, State-wise;
- (c) whether any assessment has been made of the utility of this scheme; and
- (d) if so, the details of such assessment, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

- (a) Yes, Sir. A Centrally Sponsored Scheme by name Area Oriented Fuelwood and Fodder Project Scheme is under implementation in the country with focus on peoples participation for raising fuelwood and fodder in degraded forest areas..
- (b) The scheme is operated on a 50:50 sharing ratio with the State governments. Funds are provided to the State Governments for implementation. The scheme includes Joint Forest Management; Entry Point Activities; Micro-Planning and Improved technology.
- (c) & (d) The State-wise evaluation of the Scheme is underway..